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SUBJ: NEW MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REVIEWS FOREIGN
POLICY QUESTIONS

1. ACCOMPANIED BY DCM SIMMS, I PAID INITIAL CALL THIS MORN-
ING (SEPTEMBER 14) ON NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (AND ATTORNEY GENERAL) HENRY DEB. FORDE. PERMANENT
SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS A.W. SYMMONDS
WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. AMONG SUBJECTS I RAISED WERE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT
31ST UNGA, KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA, AND PROPOSED VISIT OF
USSS DAVIS. I WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON CONVERSATION
ON EACH OF THESE.

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3. BESIDES RESPONDING TO MY APPROACHES ON THREE SUBJECTS

INDICATED, FORDE DEALT IN GENERAL WAY WITH BARBADIAN-US RELATIONS, DIRECTION BARBADIAN FOREIGN POLICY LIKELY TO TAKE IN NEAR FUTURE, AND APPOINTMENTS IN BARBADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HE SAID HE SAW NO REASON WHY RELATIONS BETWEEN BARBADOS AND US SHOULD NOT BE FRIENDLY OR WHY TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT ADOPT SIMILAR POSITIONS ON MOST ISSUES. IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY NON-IMMIGRANT VISA POLICY, SEEMED TO POSE ONLY PROBLEM OF MUTUAL INTEREST WHERE POSITIONS MIGHT BE IN CONFLICT. GOB ALSO HOPED THAT USG COULD FIND WAY TO PROVIDE BARBADOS WITH AID ON A BILATERAL BASIS. SOMETIME IN MID-OCTOBER, HE INTENDED TO VISIT WASHINGTON. THOUGH NO RADICAL CHANGES IN FOREIGN POLICY WERE ENVISAGED, LOGIC DICTATED THAT FOCUS SHOULD SHIFT FROM BRITAIN AND CONTINENTAL EUROPE TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN, NORTH AND LATIN AMERICA. EVENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, TOO, WERE OF CONCERN TO BARBADOS, AND THE BARBADIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNGA WOULD BE MAKING A STRONG STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD. INsofar AS RELATIONS WITH CHINA WERE CONCERNED, THE GOB WOULD BE WATCHING ATTENTIVELY THE DEVELOPMENT OF US POLICY TOWARD PEKING. THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW BARBADIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN WOULD PROBABLY BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS, AND HE WOULD ADVISE THE EMBASSY OF THE APPOINTEE'S IDENTITY IN ADVANCE. REPLACEMENT OF THE PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON WOULD TAKE SOMEWHAT LONGER.

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